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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Meeting with Chairman L. Mendel Rivers, CIA
Subcommittee of House Armed Services

1. The Director briefed Chairman Rivers of the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services for about an hour at the Agency. Also present were  and John S. Warner.

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2. The Director followed the attached briefing on the Communist military posture. He did not discuss South Vietnam in detail. He did cover the material beginning at page B-3 on Viet Cong casualties and Viet Cong order of battle. He also discussed the new roads in Laos and the concentration of units in Binh Dinh Province. He also covered South Vietnam strength and U. S. strength ending at page B-7. The Director also covered the SAM situation in North Vietnam with reference to the number of sites and the amount of equipment. The remainder of the prepared briefing was not covered.

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3. Mr. Rivers suggested that it might be highly desirable for a senior group of the Committee mentioning Arends, Bates, Philbin, and Hebert to visit Vietnam as he had done with possibly Russ Blandford going along. He also raised the question of the Director accompanying the group. The Director indicated probably he would have to remain in Washington.

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4. Subsequently, I briefed Mr. Rivers on our legislative program for next year covering the amendment to the CIA Retirement Act and the adjustment of consultant pay. Mr. Rivers on his own referred to the administrative items we deleted from the original retirement bill. I pointed out we were preparing a package on this which would be up to the Committee for the first of the year. He specifically inquired whether the other two items were approved by the Administration and I stated they were.

Att.

John S. Warner
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Legislative Counsel

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